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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.
The Secretary of StateTHE HONORABLE CASPAR WEINBERGER
The Secretary of DefenseTHE HONORABLE WILLIAM FRENCH SMITH
The Attorney GeneralTHE HONORABLE DAVID A. STOCKMAN
The Director, Office of Management and Budget✓ THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Procedures for Coordinating Covert Action

REFERENCE: NSC Memorandum, dated June 19, 1981, subject
as above

Recent experience in the National Security Planning Group (NSPG) indicates that controversial and sensitive covert action proposals often need fuller discussion than they have received. Except in cases of emergency, the procedures outlined below should be carefully followed in future cases.

Covert Actions will be approved by the National Security Planning Group (NSPG) chaired by the President or Vice President.

Each NSPG principal will designate one member of his staff as CIA's contact for covert action.

The Intelligence Division of the NSC Staff will be the focal point for processing all covert action proposals within the White House, and will forward the final proposals to the Attorney General and OMB.

At least one week prior to formal submission of a proposed covert action Finding to the NSPG, CIA will make available a draft of the proposal to the designated staff contact in the Departments of State and Defense and the NSC.

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- Within 48 hours, the State, Defense and NSC contacts will provide to the originating CIA office comments on and/or criticisms of the draft proposal.
- The draft proposals will be returned by hand to CIA. State and Defense will not reproduce the proposal nor keep any copies. The staff contacts in these agencies will so certify upon returning the proposal to CIA.

At least two days before a Finding is to be considered by the NSPG, CIA will deliver the final proposal to the State, Defense and NSC staff contacts. The NSC contact will be responsible for providing on an "Eyes Only" basis a copy of the final proposal to the White House members of the NSPG, as well as to the Attorney General and OMB.

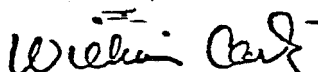
At the same time--that is, at least two days before a covert action proposal is to be discussed by the NSPG--CIA will be available to brief the final proposal to the Attorney General, the Director, OMB, and any other NSPG principal having questions or concerns about the proposal.

Findings approved by the NSPG will be submitted to the President for final decision and signature. The original, signed Finding will be returned to the NSC Intelligence Division for record, with a second, record copy being retained by CIA.

The Intelligence Division of the NSC Staff will maintain close contact with CIA for the purpose of monitoring the progress of all approved covert actions. As a result of this procedure, CIA will be requested to provide periodic briefings to the NSPG of particularly sensitive operations.

The June 19, 1981 NSC Memorandum on covert action procedures is hereby rescinded.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:


William P. Clark

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Ed Meese
Jim Baker
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